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Memorandum

To:

Chief, Division of Park Planning and Special Studies, WASO 763

Attention: Jeff Chidley

From:

Chief, Division of Park Planning, Rocky Mountain Region

Subject: Revised wilderness maps for areas recommended to Congress

Recently 10 of the 12 wilderness maps of those National Park Service units which have been submitted to Congress were updated at the request of the Washington Office. A summary report for each of the wilderness revisions was also prepared. Enclosed for your information and use are six copies of the full-scale wilderness map and six copies of the half-scale map. Also enclosed, is a copy of the summary report.

For your information and use, we are also enclosing a copy of our recently updated wilderness status sheets for all areas within the Rocky Mountain Region.

As per this memorandum, we are routing the same items and quantities as mentioned above to the Office of Legislation. Two copies of the same materials will also be routed to the ten parks which required revisions to their wilderness map.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Wayne Gardner of our Division of Park Planning at (303)234-2786.

Roy C. Slatkavitz

Enclosures

cc:

WASO 180, Office of Legislation

Supt., Arches NP, w/2 encs.

Supt., Canyonlands NP, w/2 encs.

Supt., Capitol Reef NP, w/2 encs.

Supr., Colorado NM, w/2 encs.

Supt., Dinosaur NM, w/2 encs.

\Supt. Glacier NP. w/2 encs.

Supt., Grand Teton NP, w/2 encs.

Supt., Rocky Mountain NP, w/2 encs.

Supt., Yellowstone NP, w/2 encs.

Supt., Zion NP, w/2 encs.

Utah State Director, w/encs.

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January 15, 1985

Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Bocky Mountain Region

Attention: Park Planner W. Wayne Cardner

From: Superintendent, Glacier

Subject: Wilderness Recommendations for Glacier

We have made some corrections to the written summary accompanying the revised Wilderness Recommendations of September 1984. Some reflect changing conditions, and others were issued that had already been decided with the revised recommendations made in 1974, after the public comment period. We have carefully reviewed the map and found it to be good at that scale; however, some of the changes should be noted on more detailed maps. We have not tried to write all these map changes into the written summary.

Robert C. Haraden

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REVISED WILDERNESS RECOMMENDATION

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

MONTANA

September 1984

SUMMARY

The wilderness recommendation for this park was submitted to Congress on June 13, 1974 by President Nixon. The proposal consisted of 927,550 acres to be designated as immediate wilderness, and 3,360 acres to be managed as potential wilderness additions. Since that time modifications have taken place due to land ownership changes and the addition of wilderness along road corridors.

The new wilderness recommendation consists of 963,155 acres to be designated as immediate wilderness, and 3,558 acres to be managed as potential wilderness additions.

There are four units within Glacier National Park which are shown on drawing number 117/20,010D dated September 1984. A description of the revised wilderness recommendation follows.

Unit 1 North

- 1. Eliminate this line and replace with "and a uniform corridor along roadways, 500 feet on either side of the centerline."
- 2. Rewrite this paragraph:

Bowman and Kintla Lakes will both be included within the Wilderness. However, motorboats with motors up to 10 hp will be permitted on both lakes; continuing an established use associated with the auto campgrounds at the foot of each lake.

- 3. This should be 25 acres as listed in the recommended additions in 1974 to the original proposal, p. 11 of the Proposal.
- 4. This was changed to 40 acres. Recommended deletions, page 13 of the Wilderness Proposal:
- 5. Add Porcupine Ridge Lookout.
- 6. Delete this line this practice will not be used again.

Unit 2 South

- 1. Replace "along topographic features and contour lines" to "along a uniform corridor 500 feet on either side of the centerline."
- 2. This should be 25 acres as listed in the recommended additions in 1974 to the original proposal, p. 11 of the Proposal.
- 3. The Park Service would also retain the right to rebuild or reconstruct cabins at Arrow Lake, Red Eagle Lake, and Lake Creek, if the funding becomes available.

Unit 3 Appar (1.3 miles juther is realed)

- 1. Delete "generally at the top of the mountain slope" and add "along a uniform roadway corridor. The fire road to the Flathead Ranger Station, the Apgar Lookout Trailhead and the West Glacier water intake at Rubideau Spring shall be excluded with a 250 foot corridor from the centerline in each direction."
- 2. Apgar Lookout should be excluded with a 5 acre enclave, due to the radio and television relay equipment. The road to the old Lubec Ranger Station should be included in the Wilderness as that station has been destroyed and the road closed.

Unit 4 Camas Creek

1. Delete "Apgar North", add "Near Camas Creek."

UNIT 1 - NORTH

This proposed 518,912-acre wilderness includes almost the entire northern portion of the park. It encompasses the most remote portions of the park and provides a vast resource for wilderness enjoyment.

Most of the wilderness line for this unit is drawn along topographic features - as the shore of Bowman Lake, Waterton Lake, and the shore of the North Fork of the Flathead River along the northern part of the western boundary and point-to-point lines on high ridge-points and mountains.

Lakes, on which motorboat use is to continue, have not been included in the proposed wilderness unit, because motorboat use is not acceptable in national park wilderness. Also, because of present and future water impoundment activities at Lake Sherburne, this shoreline area is not proposed for wilderness designation.

In the Many Glacier area, patented lands at Cracker Lake are not included within the proposed unit, but are recommended as a potential wilderness addition. In the North Fork area, the private lands of the Cummings Ranch and an access corridor, and two other privately owned parcels are not included in the proposed unit, but are recommended as potential wilderness additions. While these lands are not presently suitable for wilderness designation, it is recommended that a special provision be included in the wilderness legislation, giving the Secretary of the Interior, the authority to designate these 598 acres as wilderness at such time as he determines these qualify.

Kintla Lake has been included within the wilderness to provide an opportunity for visitors to enjoy a wilderness experience with hand-propelled craft. This concept of use will require the elimination of motor-driven craft from this lake.

A 100-acre area at Granite Park which contains the Granite Park Chalet development is not included in the proposed wilderness unit. A 10-acre area at the south end of Waterton Lake has been excluded from wilderness for a visitor center.

The seven existing snow courses and precipitation gauges on Flattop Mountain and in the Iceberg Creek drainage are to be retained. It is recommended that a special provision allowing their use be included in the wilderness legislation. The Numa Ridge and Cwiftwater (Swiftcurrent) lookouts are included in the proposed wilderness. The lookouts are routinely serviced by pack stock, but helicopters are used when snow conditions preclude other means of access. Eleven patrol cabins are within the proposed unit and are to remain.

Along the north boundary, adjacent to the International Boundary, a nonwilderness management zone, 50 feet in width, has been provided. The International Boundary between the United States and Canada has been marked historically by a narrow strip cut through the forest cover. This has recently been accomplished by use of herbicides.

UNIT 2 - SOUTH

An area of 407,934 acres south of the Going-to-the-Sun Road is proposed for wilderness designation. This region contains rugged glaciated mountains up to 10,000 feet high. With its numerous lakes and extensive forests, the proposed area possesses outstanding wilderness qualities.

The wilderness boundary on the north is along topographic features and contour lines.

Starting on the south shore of St. Mary Lake, the wilderness line follows the lake shore, runs below the development at St. Mary to the park boundary, then south along the park boundary, excluding developed areas at Cut Bank and Two Medicine Lake. Both St. Mary and Two Medicine Lake are not included in the proposed unit because of motorboat use.

Along the southern end of the park, 1/8-mile management zones are maintained alon some sections of the boundary because of the Burlington Northern Railroad right-of-way facilities. Downstream from Walton, the wilderness boundary is the shoreline of the Middle Fork of the Flathead River. In this location, a 120 acre tract of private land near Lincoln Creek adjacent to the park boundary is excluded and is proposed as potential wilderness additions.

In the Logan Pass area, the lands needed to permit latitude for future transit systems across Logan Pass as a substitute for the automobile have not been included in the proposed wilderness area.

The site of the Sperry Chalet development southwest of Sperry Glacier, which totals 100 acres, is not included in the proposed wilderness unit. The Mount Brown, Loneman, and Scalplock lookouts are included in the wilderness unit. These lookouts are routinely serviced by pack stock, but helicopters are used when snow conditions preclude other means of access. Eight patrol cabins are within this proposed unit and are to be retained.

UNIT 3 - APGAR

A 28,153 acre area of the Apgar Mountains is proposed for wilderness designation. This area of primitive land between the North Fork of the Flathead River and the Camas Creek road possesses all of the essential wilderness qualities.

- On the east and south of the proposed unit, the wilderness line lies generally at the top of the mountain slope. On the west it is on the park boundary.
- The Huckleberry and Apgar Lookouts are included. As is true of the other lookouts mentioned, this is routinely serviced by pack stock, but helicopters are used when snow conditions preclude other means of access.

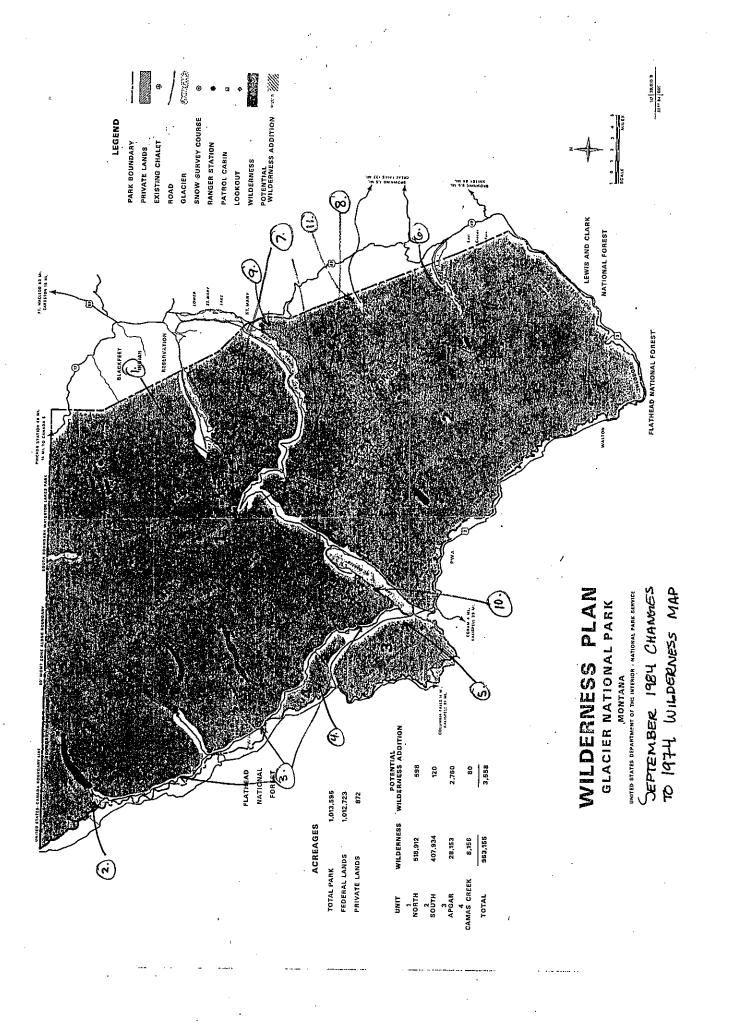
Potential wilderness additions consists of 2,760 acres of private lands and road corridors to them.

UMIT - CAMAS CREEK

Comprising 8,156 acres between the Camas Creek Road and the North Fork Road, this elongated area, averaging about 2 miles wide and 15 miles long, stretches from Appar north to above Logging Creek. At its narrowest point it is less than 4 mile wide. Within the area is an 80-acre parcel of private land, proposed as potential wilderness additions.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

The Act of May 11, 1910, establishing Glacier National Park, provides that, "... the United States Reclamation Service may enter upon and utilize for flowage or other purposes any area within said park which may be necessary for the development and maintenance of a Government reclamation project." The National Park Service wilderness proposal is dependent upon the modification of the reclamation provision to be simultaneous with designation by the Congress of wilderness in Glacier National Park. This modification would permit continuation of existing water development projects, but would preclude any new projects.



Changes on the 1984 Wilderness Plan (from the 1974 revised map introduced in 1978)

- 1. Originally, a large exclusion for "intensive management" reduced by 2500 acres in 1974 Recommendations. $\underline{1984}$ reduced to Josephine Lake and shoreline (provision to keep boathouse and shelters).
- 2. Kishenehn Road now closed, bridges washed out.
- 3. Corridor along the inside North Fork Road narrowed (point-to-point is difficult to verify).
- 4. Camas Roadless Area No management plans for this area, extremely important wildlife corridor and winter use area.
- 5. Camas Road corridor narrowed, area around Apgar Lookout included. Provisions to exclude Apgar Lookout, the fire road to the Flathead River Ranger Station, the Apgar Trailhead, and the water intake at Rubideau Spring. Entire area not necessary for management use; not in any plans.
- 6. Area on the side of Rising Wolf Mountain, up Dry Fork Creek and in the swamp above Lower Two Medicine Lake included.
- 7. Going-to-the-Sun Road narrower, defined (McDonald Creek)
- 8. Only new exclusion Packer's Roost Road and Parking Area.
- 9. Reflects the closure of the Red Eagle Road.
- 10. The corridor along Lake McDonald for a proposed bike path is eliminated.
- 11. Very small change reflects corridor change.

